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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EX-IM LOAN GUARANTEE FOR ALIA BOEING 747 PURCHASE

1. RCAA DWOR VISITED SENIOR STAFF ALIA APRIL 20
AND TOGETHER WITH EMBASSY FILING DETAILED REPORT
ON AIRLINE'S PERFORMANCE AND PROSPECTS WITHIN
NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. ON BASIS OF RCAA/ALIA DISCUSSIONS
AND STUDY ALIA AIRLINES TRAFFIC FORECAST, AND PLANNED
DEPLOYMENT TWO NEW 747 200B COMBIS, RCAA BELIEVES
ACQUISITION THESE AIRCRAFT WILL ENHANCE AIR-
LINE'S ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL VIABILITY. HE EXPRESSES
HOPE THAT EX-IM BANK WILL FAVORABLY CONSIDER APPLICA-
TION FOR \$21 MILLION LOAN GUARANTEE TO COVER \$70
MILLION FINANCING PACKAGE INVOLVING COMMERCIAL BANKS
AND BOEING. ALTHOUGH ACQUISITION FIRST AIRCRAFT
ASSURED (DELIVERED AMMAN APRIL 15) EX-IM BANK
DISAPPROVAL OF \$21 MILLION LOAN GUARANTEE WOULD
MOST PROBABLY RENDER PACKAGE FINANCIALLY UNFEASIBLE
FOR ALIA IN LIGHT OF CASH FLOW PRESSURES. (SEVEN-
YEAR REPAYMENT WITHOUT EX-IM BANK GUARANTEE RATHER
THAN TEN-YEAR LOAN REPAYMENT WITH EX-IM BANK GUARANTEE
WOULD MOST PROBABLY TRIGGER ALIA CANCELLATION SECOND
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AIRCRAFT WITH ACCOMPANYING DISACCOMMODATION TO
BOEING AND GE.)

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES DEPARTMENT SUPPORT FOR EX-IM
LOAN AT THIS TIME COULD HAVE USEFUL POLITICAL
EFFECT, IN VIEW OF KING HUSSEIN'S FORTHCOMING
LATE APRIL VISIT TO U.S. AND KING'S STRONG PERSONAL

INTEREST IN ASSURING SUCCESS OF ALIA 747 OPERATION.
REQUEST DEPARTMENT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH AMBASSADOR
PICKERING CONSIDER SUPPORTING ALIA EX-IM LOAN GUARANTEE
FOR THE TWO AIRCRAFT.

3. WE INFORMED BY ALIA VP FINANCE THAT EX-IM FINANCE
MAY CONSIDER ALIA 747 LOAN GUARANTEE TOMORROW
APRIL 21.
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